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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits and further to the personal interview on January 20, 2000 between Examiner Caudle, Primary Examiner Stamber and Applicants' representatives, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-49 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claim 50 as follows:

-56. (Amended) A system for distributing product incentives to consumers over a communication network, comprising:

a cooperative network site configured to store at least one of (i) manufacturer incentives to purchase one of a product and a service offered by a manufacturer and (ii) retailer incentives to purchase one of a product and a service offered by a retailer;

